

Weather Forecast

Sunny, cold, high 40 today. Fair tonight, low 28-34. Tomorrow, cloudy, warmer, rain by night. (Full report on Page A-2.)

Temperatures Today.

Midnight 31	6 a.m. 28	11 a.m. 33
2 a.m. 30	8 a.m. 28	Noon 35
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Allies Widen Bridgehead Across Han

Drive Breaks Back of Reds' Defense Line; Foes' Casualties Rise

By the Associated Press
TOKYO, Mar. 10.—United Nations troops rammed their bridgehead across the Han River 10 miles wide and nearly 6 miles deep before noon today east of Seoul. Flame-throwing tanks rumbled ahead of U. N. fighting units and spit their fiery streams into Communist foxholes.

"We killed a batch of them and have driven many more back into the hills," one front-line officer said.

On the eastern front, South Korean reinforcements moved to the line to bolster defenders of Amidong. The Red Korean 2d Corps had driven within less than 3 miles of the town.

Making Good Progress.

A battalion of South Korean Marines also was thrown into the fight.

Field dispatches said the South Koreans were "making good progress" in plugging the line. An American officer with the South Koreans said he was confident the bulge in the line would be straightened out within 24 hours.

In the west, patrols of the United States 25th Division's 35th armoured 27th Wolfhound Regiment rangers off the South plains into rugged hills to the north.

Intelligence officers of the 25th (Tropic Lightning) Division said the mighty United Nations artillery bombardment and infantry drive across the Han apparently had broken the back of the Communists' first defense line north of the river.

They said the Reds probably had pulled back to defend the main road leading west to Seoul. This is about 5 miles north of the present line.

Skies were gray but the weather was mild as the Doughboys slowly and methodically pushed their northward advance. They searched every yard of ground.

Reds Abandon Best Positions.

When the Reds showed fight, the Allied units called for artillery barrages. Then they threw their own firepower into the Chinese positions and finally climbed the hills to capture or kill any who stood their ground.

"The more than 300 prisoners we collected already would make up one of their battalions," an officer said.

Farther west, United States 1st Cavalry Division troops pushed along razorback ridges east and southwest of Yongdong. They were fighting up the road to the Red supply center of Hongchong.

Their commander, Maj. Gen. Charles D. Palmer, said the cavalrymen have forced the Reds to abandon their best positions.

"We are picking up a considerable amount of equipment and it looks as though we are killing plenty of them," he said.

In the center of the line, Greek troops advanced as much as four miles against moderate to stiff resistance. The British 27th Commonwealth Division rolled ahead more than one mile.

American Marines pushed ahead another mile north of Hongchong. The Leathernecks called for air strikes and slammed artillery barrages into Red positions honeycombed a row of 3,000-foot high mountains.

Forced to Retreat.

Jelled gasoline hit in searing flames. Rockets zoomed into the ridges. Bombs smashed against the peaks. Smoke from a dozen fires shrouded the ridge line.

"That ought to help soften them up for us," a Marine major said. Five to eight miles east of Hongchong, United States 2nd Division doughboys scattered Communist holdings.

On the eastern flank, South Korean 5th Division troops forced the Reds to retreat after heavy fighting throughout this morning. The ROK's gained more than one mile.

The toll of Communist dead mounted on the fourth day of the new Allied offensive.

In three days, U. N. troops have killed or wounded more than 24,000 Reds. The United States 8th Army said 6,449 Reds were killed or wounded yesterday.

United States 5th Air Force pilots reported they inflicted 400 Communist troop casualties along the front today.

Low visibility delayed the start of the Air Force operations, but by 6 p.m. (4 a.m., EST) fighter and light bomber pilots had flown 520 sorties.

Pilots reported they destroyed one tank, 150 buildings, 46 vehicles, five railroad cars, two gun emplacements, supply dump and a railroad bridge.

The air blows were aimed at 25 villages along the Red supply line.

Sweden Press Strike Called

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Mar. 10 (AP).—The Swedish Journalists Union called for a general strike involving all newspapers in Sweden last night, following a breakdown of wage negotiations with the publishers association.

Dawson Ignores Invitation To Testify at Hearing on RFC

Fulbright Reveals Letter Sent 2 Weeks Ago; Grand Jury to Begin Inquiry Monday

By Robert K. Walsh

Donald Dawson has ignored a Senate subcommittee's written invitation to testify at its hearings on influence in the Reconstruction Finance Corp., Chairman Fulbright revealed today.

That disclosure came on the heels of a Justice Department announcement that a grand jury here will begin an inquiry Monday into possible law violations in connection with testimony given by some witnesses at subcommittee sessions.

Mr. Dawson, President Truman's administrative assistant in charge of personnel matters, has not testified and has not been subpoenaed.

But a letter was sent to him two weeks ago by the subcommittee, inviting him to appear at his convenience, Chairman Fulbright said. No answer of any kind has been received from Mr. Dawson or anyone else who might be in a position to indicate his attitude toward the invitation, the Senator added.

The chairman said there had been no announcement of the letter until today because the subcommittee wanted to give Mr. Dawson ample opportunity to respond. Signed by Senator Fulbright, the letter was dated February 24, three days after the start of the hearings. Mr. Dawson frequently has been mentioned in testimony about "a web of influence," with contacts in the White House, affecting some RFC directors and loans.

"Since the beginning of our hearings," the letter stated, "your name has been mentioned from time to time in the testimony before the RFC subcommittee. It is

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House G. O. P. Seeks To Tie Troop Issue To New Draft Law

Amendment Is Proposed To Curb Truman's Right To Send GIs Abroad

By J. A. O'Leary

Administration leaders in the House faced a fight today to keep the Republicans from tying the troops-for-Europe issue to the new draft law.

The House Republican Policy Committee late yesterday proposed an amendment to the draft bill providing that "no troops shall be committed to the European area as proposed under the Atlantic Pact arrangement until the necessary authorization for such commitment is approved by both bodies of the Congress."

If such a provision went into the new draft bill it would be more drastic than the action the Senate appears likely to take on the troop issue. Such an amendment in the draft bill would challenge President Truman's authority to send the four divisions already planned for Gen. Eisenhower's integrated defense force, unless and until both houses concur in the commitment.

No Binding Law Passed.

The Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees, after weeks of debate, have recommended action which would enable both houses to express themselves, but without passing a binding law. There is also a possibility that two Senate committees, at a meeting called for Monday, may further modify their action to make it clear they approve the sending of the four divisions.

House Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts thinks there is a "good chance" the House Armed Services Committee will write a requirement for congressional approval of troops for Europe into the draft bill before it reports that measure to the House.

Chairman Vinson would not predict what the Armed Services Committee will do, but Speaker Rayburn doubted the House would accept the Republican proposal.

Two Resolutions Approved.

On the Senate side the committees have approved two troop resolutions, but neither would carry the weight of a law. Couched in identical language, one would merely express the viewpoint of the Senate. The second is a "concurrent" resolution, which would be voted on by both houses, but would not require the President's signature, and, therefore, would not become a law. Only a "joint" resolution, signed by the President or passed over his veto becomes a law.

The two Senate resolutions also are less drastic than the ban proposed by House Republicans, because both Senate proposals endorse the basic policy of providing a "fair share" of the troops for Gen. Eisenhower's command.

If the Senate should pass its "concurrent" resolution before the draft bill reaches the House floor for debate, House leaders may decide to get behind that measure in order to keep the troops-for-Europe issue out of the Selective Service law.

Fire at Iloilo, Philippines, Leaves 8,000 Homeless

By the Associated Press

MANILA, Mar. 10.—Eight thousand persons were left homeless last night by a wind-driven fire that destroyed five thickly settled business and residential blocks in Iloilo on Panay Island south of here.

One man was reported burned to death. The fire finally burned itself out at the waterfront.

Mayor Rafil Jalandoni estimated the damage at about \$1 million.

Jap Volcano Erupts

TOKYO, Mar. 10 (AP).—Mount Mihara, a volcano on Oshima Island 50 miles south of Tokyo in the Pacific, erupted late yesterday. Three streams of lava coursed down the sides of the 2,500-foot peak and engulfed two homes but were expected to stop short of seaside villages at the base.

West Broadens Plan to Relieve World Tension

Urges Steps to End Fear of Aggression, Arms, Reich Study

By the Associated Press

PARIS, Mar. 10.—The Western powers submitted today a revised and broadened proposal for relieving East-West tension to the Deputy Foreign Ministers' meeting.

Russia said it would reserve any decision on whether it could accept the proposal for the agenda of a Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference.

This was the new proposal for the Big Four agenda which the Western delegates submitted:

"Determination of the causes of present international tensions in Europe and of the means to secure a real and lasting improvement in the relations between the U. S. S. R., the United States, the United Kingdom and France, such as:

"Measures to eliminate the fear of aggression, fulfillment of present treaty obligations, and examination of the existing level of armaments and questions concerning Germany in this sphere."

Will Reserve Decision.

Russia's Andrei Gromyko said he would reserve any decision on whether to accept it.

Official sources who gave the account of the meeting said delegates from the United States, France and Britain spoke in favor of the new item. They emphasized that all points which Russia wishes to discuss are covered by the new proposal.

Mr. Gromyko said that he was reserving right to speak in more detail, especially since he felt the wording was vague and not quite clear on several points.

The Russian delegate asserted the foreign ministers cannot avoid talking about the remilitarization and demilitarization of Germany and about worldwide disarmament.

French delegate Alexandre Parodi was quoted as saying that in looking back on an entire week of negotiations in effort to draw up a work sheet for a Big Four meeting, he could see little excuse for satisfaction.

Will Meet Monday.

The ministers will meet again Monday.

Details of the new proposal for the agenda had been broached yesterday at a meeting of the western representatives to the deputies' conference.

The three principal western delegates, United States Ambassador-at-Large Philip C. Jessup, M. Parodi of France and Ernest Davies of Britain, met at the French Foreign Office at 11:45 a.m. yesterday morning. Their assistants were not with them.

It was at this meeting, reportedly, that the new proposal was

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Liner Batory May Lose New York Dock Facilities

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Mar. 10.—The Polish liner Batory, which has been in difficulty with United States authorities since Communist Gerhart Eisler escaped this country aboard her, may lose her New York docking facilities.

The Batory, owned by the Gdynia-American Line, has been using a French Line pier. However, the French company says it needs the pier for its own use. The Batory's pier lease expires March 30.

Moreover, Edward F. Cavanagh, jr., city marine commissioner, said yesterday he considers the Batory "an undesirable occupant" of city piers.

New York piers are leased to ship lines and must get city permission to share another line's facilities.

Ohio Gets Its Naughty Auto Tag Back, But Only After Struggle

By the Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Mar. 10.—The State of Ohio had its naughty license plate back today and the surprised Toledo taxi driver had what he wanted in the first place—two plates with the number 219H.

The State highway patrol gave Taxi Driver Charles Puhl a new specially made set of plates in Toledo last night. In exchange, the patrol got the set Mr. Puhl received in the mail—one bearing the number 219H and the other an obscene phrase (unprintable).

It all began in Ohio Penitentiary, said Warden Ralph Alvis. That's where Ohio's auto tags are made. A convict, apparently wanting to curse his supervisor, imprinted the two words on a license tag, believing the supervisor would see it.

But the plate went through the mails along with one stamped 219H. That's what Mr. Puhl received when he wrote to Columbus for his special number.

Mr. Puhl decided at first to keep

the oddity for a souvenir and get a replacement. But Ohio wanted the naughty tag back. It printed up a new set just for Mr. Puhl. At first he refused to accept them, but later he changed his mind.

Mr. Puhl was still upset about the whole business last night.

"The warden owes my wife an apology," he said. "She opened up the plates when they came. He's the head man there at the prison and it's his responsibility to see that things like that don't happen."

The warden said he didn't see it that way. "He wanted to keep the plates and not turn them in and I don't see where I owe his wife an apology," he said.

Warden Alvis was somewhat philosophical. He said: "If I catch him in jail, sometimes I get a little suspicious and get to thinking we have some bad guys in here."

Then he added: "After all, they weren't sent down here for singing in Sunday school."



Vandenberg Remains In Serious Condition; AFL Unit Asks He Quit

By the Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Mar. 10.—The serious condition of Senator Vandenberg, Republican, of Michigan remained unchanged today and at Detroit the AFL Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor called on him to resign.

Frank X. Martel, president of the federation, said the following resolution had been adopted and sent to the Republican State Central Committee:

"These are important times for Michigan and for the Nation. It is Senator Vandenberg's duty to step aside for another man, so Michigan can have the same representation in the Senate as other States."

Mr. Martel is a Democrat and active in politics.

Senator Vandenberg underwent an operation 18 months ago for removal of a portion of a lung. Last summer an operation was performed in Washington to remove tumors from his spinal column.

At Lansing, meanwhile, Republicans in the State House introduced a bill that would remove from Democratic Gov. G. Mennen Williams the power to appoint a United States Senator when a vacancy occurs.

The bill would require the Governor to call a special election. He now can appoint for an unexpired term.

Minister's Wife Injured.

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Light Earthquakes Hit Spain and Philippines

By the Associated Press

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